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Rock Hill Man Arrested on Solicitation charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Timothy Alan Oertel (DOB: 1988) of Rock Hill, South Carolina on five (5) charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. The Richland County Sheriff's Office, a member of the state's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest. Assistance was provided by the York County Sheriff's Office, also a member of the state's ICAC Task Force.

Investigators say Oertel contacted the victim through an online social network and sent sexually explicit photos and messages. Oertel was arrested on September 3, 2015. He is charged with one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years; and four (4) counts of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor age 18 or younger (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years on each count. Bond was set at \$25,000.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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